

A
Short Catechisme:

Composed, according to the
Rules and Directions concerning
Suspension from the Sacrament
of the Lords Supper, in
case of ignorance.

And published for the helpe of
ignorant people.

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to all men.*

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1. Question.

WHat doe you believe concerning God?

Answer. I beleeeve that there is but one ever-living and true God, maker of Heaven and Earth, and Governour of all things: And that this onely true God, is the God whom we worship: And that this God is but one, yet three distinct Persons, the Father, Sonne, and Holy Ghost; all equally God.

2. Q. *What doe you beleeeve concerning man?*

A. God created man after his owne Image, in knowledge, righteousnesse, and true holinesse.

3. Q. *Did man continue in this blessed estate?*

A. No; By one man sinne entred into the world, and death by sinne, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

4. Q. *What then is the naturall condition*

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of mankind, since that one man?

A. Wee are all by nature the children of wrath, dead in trespasses and sinnes; and so liable to eternall death, the wages of every sinne.

5. Q. *Is there no helpe for us in this wofull condition?*

A. Yes; There is a Mediator (and but one Mediator) between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who is also over all God blessed for ever; neither is there salvation in any other.

6. Q. *How did he become Man?*

A. He was conceived by the holy Ghost, and borne of the Virgin Mary.

7. Q. *What did he to redeeme us?*

A. He dyed upon the Crosse, to save his people from their sinnes.

8. Q. *How can he save us being dead?*

A. He rose againe the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God, and makes continuall intercession for us; of whose fulnesse, we receive all graces necessary to salvation.

9. Q. *How are wee made partakers of Christ and his benefits?*

A. Christ and his benefits, are applyed by faith.

10. Q. *Whence*

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10. Q. *Whence is faith to be had?*

A. Faith is the gift of God; wee have it not of our selves, but it is wrought in us by the Word and Spirit of God.

11. Q. *What is Faith?*

A. Faith is that grace whereby wee beleeve, and trust in Christ for remission of sinnes, and life everlasting, according to the promise of the Gospel.

12. Q. *Is this faith necessary to salvation?*

A. Whosoever beleeveth not on the Son of God, shall not see life, but shall perish eternally.

13. Q. *What are the fruits of this faith?*

A. The fruits of true faith, are repentance, and a godly life.

14. Q. *What is Repentance?*

A. Repentance is that grace whereby wee doe see our sins, sorrow for them, and turne from them to the Lord.

15. Qu. *Is this Repentance necessary to salvation?*

A. Except men repent they shall surely perish.

16. Qu. *What is a godly life?*

A. A godly life, is such a life as is conscionably ordered according to the Word of God, in Holinesse, and Righteousnesse.

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17. *Qu. Is a godly life necessary to Salvation?*

A. Without holinesse, no man shall see the Lord.

18. *Q. What are the outward meanes ordained by God to bring men to this faith, repentance, and Godly life?*

A. The usuall meanes of faith, repentance, and a Godly life, are the ministration of the VVord, and the holy Sacraments.

19. *Q. What are the Sacraments?*

A. The Sacraments are seales of the Covenant of Grace, in the blood of Christ.

20. *Q. Which are the Sacraments of the New Testament?*

A. The Sacraments of the New Testament are Baptisme, and the Lords Supper.

21. *Q. What is Baptisme?*

A. Baptisme is that Sacrament whereby is sealed unto us our engrafting into Christ, and admission into his Church.

22. *Q. What is the outward Element in Baptisme?*

A. The outward Element in Baptisme is water, wherein the party baptized is dipped, or sprinkled with it, in the Name of the Father, the Sonne, and the Holy Ghost.

23. *Q. What*

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23. Q. *What is the inward and spirituall Grace, signified thereby?*

A. The spirituall Grace, signified by the water in Baptisme, is the washing and cleansing of the Soule from the guilt and staine of sinne, by the blood and Spirit of Christ.

24. Q. *What is the Lords Supper?*

A. The Lords Supper, is that Sacrament whereby is sealed unto us our continuance, and growth in Christ.

25. Q. *What are the outward Elements in the Lords Supper?*

A. The outward Elements in the Lords Supper, are Bread and VVine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

26. Q. *What is the spirituall Grace signified thereby?*

A. The spirituall Grace signified by the Bread and VVine in the Lords Supper, is the body and blood of Christ crucified, which the worthy Receiver by Faith doth partake of in this Sacrament, for the nourishing of his Soule to eternall life.

27. Q. *For what other end did Christ ordaine this Sacrament?*

A. Christ did likewise ordaine this Sacrament for a remembrance of his death.

28. Q. *What*

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28. Q. *What is required of us to the worthy receiving of this Sacrament ?*

A. To the worthy receiving of this Sacrament, it is required that every one examine himselfe.

29. Q. *What is the danger of unworthy receiving ?*

A. VVhosoever eates and drinks unworthily, is guilty of the body and blood of the Lord, and so eates and drinks judgement to himselfe, not discerning the Lords Body.

30. Q. *What becomes of the soules of all men after death ?*

A. The soules of the faithfull after death, doe immediately live with Christ in blessednesse, and the soules of the wicked doe immediately goe into Hell torments.

31. Q. *What becomes of the bodies of all men after death ?*

A. There shall be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and unjust, at the last day, at which time all shall appeare before the judgement-seate of Christ, to receive according to what they have done in the body, whether it be good or evill ; and then the righteous shall go into life eternall, and the wicked into everlasting punishment.

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